

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 16TH JUNE 2015, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

PRESENT: Cllr N Bastow (Vice-Chairman)
Cllrs W Bagnall, Mrs L Edwards, Mrs L Griffiths, Mrs M Jones, J Pearson (Tree Warden), S Williams, C Wood

OFFICERS: Mrs C Earley (Town Clerk)
Miss Charlotte Gardner (Student Advisor)

57/15 Welcome and Apologies for Absence:

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Cllr N Bastow, welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were received from:
The Mayor, Cllr Dr S Roy; The Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Davies; Cllr R Foreman.

58/15 Declarations of Interest:

Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal and/or prejudicial interests. None were declared.

59/15 Minutes:

Resolved to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 26th May 2015.

60/15 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a. Min. 37/15(c) – Dinarth Hall Farm Development Brief:

The Clerk submitted a response from James Harland, CCBC Planning Policy Officer, confirming that the Health Service had been contacted when the site was allocated in the Local Development Plan, but that no financial contributions had been requested at that time towards increasing GP services in the area. Consultation is now taking place again, in case that situation has changed, and the final report will be shared with the Town Council once the consultation period ends. Concerns were expressed about the cumulative demands on GP services caused by a number of smaller developments in any one area. The Chairman advised members that, if it was necessary, GP provision at the new medical centre in the West End could possibly be increased to cope with increased patient numbers, although it was noted that recruitment of new doctors is not easy, due to salary differentials with England.

Resolved to await the Committee Report once the consultation period has ended.

61/15 Conwy CBC:

- a. *Resolved to receive notice of a road closure for the Armed Forces Day Parade on 20th June, with an alteration to the Parade time (now 10:45 to 11.05am).*
- b. The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a letter from the Head of Environment, Roads and Facilities, CCBC, reminding all members of Town & Community Councils that any enquiries relating to these services should be submitted through the central e-mail address (erf@conwy.gov.uk) or telephone line, to enable monitoring of responses. It was noted that feedback was also being sought on recent experiences of responses to service enquiries and Members confirmed that they had no negative experiences to feedback.
- c. The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a request for a letter of support regarding Eirias Park Boating Lake funding application(s).

Resolved to send a letter of support and to request that an application be submitted to the Policy & Finance Committee if any match-funding is required for the works.

62/15 Welsh Government:

The Clerk submitted, for consideration, a consultation on proposals for a new system for the processing of applications for 'Developments of National Significance'. It was noted that there will be an obligation on applicants to consult with the community prior to submitting any application and that relevant Town & Community Councils must be notified, with opportunity given for comments. Guidance on the amount and type of community consultation required will be available for applicants from the Planning Inspectorate.

Resolved to receive and note the consultation document.

63/15 Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:

The Clerk submitted a document giving an overview of the Act, for information. A brief verbal report was also given on a recent workshop event, which had been arranged to consider the nature and content of guidance required from public sector bodies in relation to the requirements of the Act. It was noted that draft guidance was expected to be published later in the summer, in preparation for the duties under the Act which come into force in May 2016. The Clerk also advised members that a report would be submitted to the next Policy & Finance Committee meeting regarding action which may be taken to help the council to meet the requirements of the Act.

Resolved to note the overview document and report from the Clerk.

64/15 Continued Independence of Older People:

The Clerk submitted information on a forthcoming shared learning seminar regarding services for older people and members were asked to consider if it would be relevant for a representative to attend from the Town Council.

Resolved to note details of the seminar, which it was felt is not directly related to any of the services currently provided by the Town Council.

65/15 Colwyn Victoria Pier Trust:

- a. The Clerk tabled a written report from Cllr D Porter, following recent meetings between (1) the Steering Group and Officers from CCBC and (2) the Steering Group and Jess Steele. His report included a recommendation that the Committee should write to the Welsh Minister to request that a Public Inquiry be called to consider the Listed Building Consent application, due to the level of public interest and the number of objections received to the application.
- b. The Clerk gave a brief verbal report on the outcome of the CCBC Planning Committee meeting, held on 10th June, at which the application to demolish the Pier had been approved and the related Listed Building Consent application had been approved for submission to the Welsh Minister.
- c. It was noted that the date for a formal meeting for feedback from a representative of the HLF is still awaited.
- d. It was noted that a Special Meeting of CCBC has been called on Tuesday 30th June at 6pm, to consider the Pier and the recent decision of the HLF.

Resolved to write to Carl Sergeant, Minister for Natural Resource, (copied to Darren Millar, AM, and CADW) to request that the application for Listed Building Consent to demolish Colwyn Bay Pier be considered via a Public Inquiry, to ensure that there is complete transparency and public confidence in the decision-making process for this contentious application, which is of both local and national interest.

66/15 Theatr Colwyn Joint Management Committee:

Cllr N Bastow gave a brief verbal report from the meeting held on 29th May. It was noted that the Theatr is performing well and is hitting its current budgets. A re-branding is being considered by the Joint Management Committee and new logo design(s) are awaited. These are being provided free of charge by a local design company (View Creative).

Resolved to thank Cllr Bastow for his report.

67/15 Other Correspondence:

- a. It was noted that the following items of correspondence are available on request from the Clerk.
 - i. Minutes of the AGM of Old Colwyn (East) Residents Association, held on 10th June.
 - ii. Minutes of the Conwy Access Group meeting held on 19th May.

- b. The Clerk tabled notes from a recent meeting with Judi Greenwood, THI Officer, CCBC, highlighting the following points, for information:
- i. A community open day is being planned in the Town Centre on Tuesday 7th July (afternoon), involving The Station and 22 Station Road and re-launch of the pop-up shop.
 - ii. The Town Council is requested to consider appointing a ‘Heritage Champion’ to link more closely with the THI project and help to grow the interest in heritage projects in the town.
Resolved to refer this request to the next Council meeting for consideration.
 - iii. Preparation is underway to mark the 2015 ‘support your high street’ in September.
 - iv. The twilight festival, undertaken for the first time last year, has been pencilled in for Thursday 3rd December. It is hoped that the organising team will include Communities First and the Town Team. A funding application will be made to the P&F Committee in due course.
 - v. The need for a ‘Town Development Trust’ is being considered, recognising the need for a suitable local body to take forward the ongoing regeneration work once the VVP and THI projects come to an end. It is envisaged that the Trust could buy up suitable key property(ies) in the town, when they become available, to assist in their regeneration and protect future use. Such a body would have to have community backing and support. It was noted that this idea will be referred to the Policy & Finance Committee for consideration.

Resolved to receive and note the report.

68/15 Planning:

- a. The Clerk submitted, for consideration, the planning applications received from CCBC.

Resolved to submit observations on these applications, as detailed in Schedule ‘A’ attached.

- b. It was noted that no further Planning Decisions have been published by CCBC in the past three weeks.
- c. The Clerk submitted details of a Planning training workshop being held at the Town Hall, Colwyn Bay on Wednesday 15th June. It was noted that the Town Council has been offered two free spaces for hosting the session, at no cost, and that further spaces were available at a cost of £30 each.

Resolved that Cllrs Lindsay Griffiths and Bill Bagnall would attend and that any other members who were interested should contact the Clerk to book a place as soon as possible.

The Clerk also tabled information on a Planning training workshop being held at Venue Cymru, Llandudno, on 21st July from 5pm to 8pm, being funded by the Welsh Government. Two free places were available.

Resolved that the Clerk and Chairman (or Vice-Chairman if the Chairman is

unable to attend) should attend and report back.

- d. Cllr B Bagnall gave a brief report from the recent Planning Site visit in connection with the Pier demolition application. He advised that members had concerns about the murals in the Pavilion, but that it may not be possible to salvage these. Some of the stanchions may also need to be renewed. Some representatives from CVPT had been present and had mingled with the Committee members. It was queried whether there was also stained glass in the pavilion which could be salvaged and Cllr Wood confirmed that a relative of his had been involved in the restoration of the stained glass some years ago, but that he didn't know if this was still present/salvageable.

Resolved to thank Cllr Bagnall for his report.

- e. The Clerk submitted the latest update on the Planning (Wales) Bill, confirming that it was likely to receive Royal Assent and become law in July.

69/15 Licensing Applications:

The Clerk submitted notice of several licensing applications (all T|ENS) logged in the Colwyn Bay area in recent weeks.

Resolved to receive and note the recent licensing applications.

The Meeting Closed at 7.40 p.m.

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